

19. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the execution device is a programmable logic controller also executing a control program that controls the automation system.



REMARKS

Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

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1.(Amended) A method of identifying fault conditions in an automation system, comprising the steps of:

identifying components in the system[.];

identifying inputs and outputs to each identified component, the inputs including possible fault conditions[and other inputs,];

determining functional relationships between the inputs and outputs for each identified component[.]; and

determining fault conditions based on the functional relationships and, the outputs and other inputs.

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